

LIFESTYLES



DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, the Elba School System honored its retired teachers and support staff with a reception. Both the elementary and high schools held a reception for their respective group of teachers and support personnel. While visiting the schools, the former teachers and staff had a chance to reminisce about their days at the schools and visit with those who continued their work in educating Elba's children. Shown above are some of the retired teachers and support staff of Elba High School who rounded the hall once again on that special day in November. Pictured left to right are: Sylvia Brown, Lynda Berry, Charles Pearce - Elba City Schools Superintendent, Barbara Jones, Lamar Foley, Elmer Taylor, Cecil Parker and Lamar Wilson.

LATE OBITUARY

CATHERINE STOVALL
Ms. Catherine Stovall, age 91, of Elba died Jan. 4, 2000 at the Elba

Nursing Home. At press time, funeral arrangements were incomplete but will be

announced by Coleman Funeral Home.

Area students on Dean's List at LBW College

Lee Alan English of Elba was among 52 students named to the Dean's List at LBW College for the

1999 Fall Semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, English attended the semester with a full-time course

load and posted a 3.50-3.99 grade point average.

Coffee on the Keyboard



Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners

by Kenda Coffee Editor Opening Page



There is a great feature in Word that automatically numbers lists of things.

Every time you hit enter and start a new item the next number automatically is inserted for you. You start this procedure by clicking Format on the menu bar at the top, then selecting Bullets and Numbering. Chose a numbering style you like perhaps lower case letters in parentheses. Or numbers with periods after them or whatever your little heart desires. But once in a while you want to insert a note, an explanation, a credit or something that you do not want numbered then to continue the numbering with the item that follows. You can turn off numbering but when you start again you get #1 again. But there is a way to resume numbering where you left off.

When you've reached the point where you wish to insert text without being numbered, click the Numbering button on the Formatting toolbar again. Now select none. That means no numbering. Then go ahead and type the text you want to insert. When you are ready to resume numbering. Go back to Format, then Bullets and Numbering again, and reselect the numbering style you were using. Down at the bottom of that box it will say "continue previous list."

Click that and your numbering resumes where you left off. If you are concerned about health and immunity or the newest in cancer research look on Opening Page, www.openingpage.com

Kenda

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Coffee County Schools
Menu
January 10 - 14, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Fruit Pastry, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Sausage Link, French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Cornedog, Fish Nuggets, French Fries, Marinated Veggies, Fruit, Hushpuppies, Milk
Wednesday - Burrito, Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Okra, Baked Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Steak Nuggets, Grilled Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Meat Loaf, Diced Chicken Italiano, Steamed Italian Veggies, Corn Nuggets, Rolls, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

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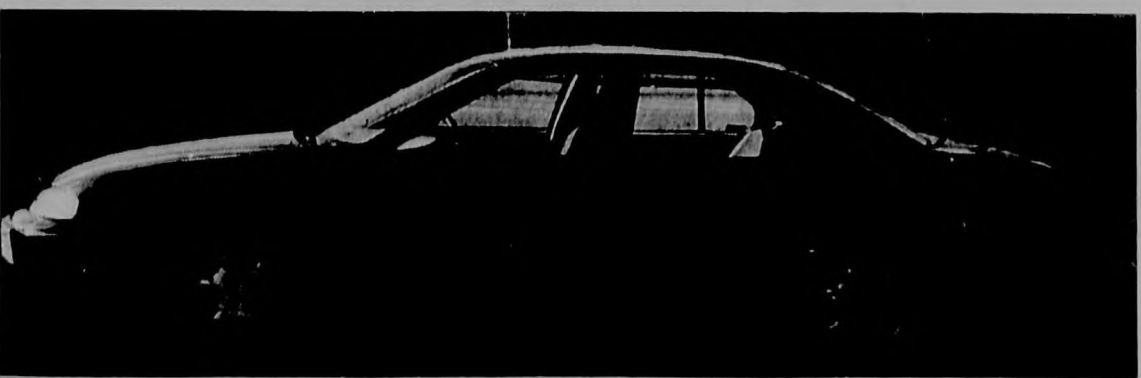
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Elba resident voices opposition to proposed location of new post office

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting was business as usual Monday evening until Judy Anthony addressed the city fathers concerning the proposed location of the new Elba post office.

to the flow would congest the area more and make the area harder to negotiate of all, she told the council members.

Acknowledging that officially the area is not in a flood zone, she pointed out that it was flooded in 1990 and 1998.

Addressing the drainage problem, she noted that water off the hill already gets into an outbuilding at her home and without addressing the problem she fears the situation will get worse with the new construction and parking lot paving.

"I am not against a new Post Office, I just don't want it on Claxton Avenue," Anthony told the city council. She later amended that statement by saying she didn't want it "past the red light."

Councilman John W. Sharpless, who also owns the property being considered, said, "The city council has not been asked anything about this location yet."

Mayor Grimes confirmed that and said he had personally presented all of the sites offered to the postal



JUDY ANTHONY ADDRESSES CITY COUNCIL

officials, drove around with them and pointed out each site. They made their own decision without any city officials being involved.

Grimes agreed with Anthony that Atlanta postal officials repeatedly say, "If there is a lot of community concern, we might have to reconsider this decision."

The official notice letter was posted in the Elba post office on January 6th, and the public has a 30 day window to express opinions on the decision.

Plans are for the City of Elba to construct the new facility and lease it to the U.S. Post Office on a 20 year lease. The City will borrow the construction money and pay it back

from the lease proceeds.

Monthly bills totaling \$26,701.16 were approved for payment. They include \$4,241.72 for vehicle repair and maintenance; \$512.85 for chemicals; \$619.20 for annual membership to SE Alabama Regional Planning Commission; \$1,654.27 for recreation youth uniforms; \$652.52 advertising; \$976.65 for carpet cleaning in the Rec Center and \$9,120.00 as the City's share of the annual financial audit.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth presented copies of the monthly and annual activity reports and reminded council members the department still needs two more radio operators for the 911 emergency radio. He explained that during a 911 call an operator can't leave that call for another call nor for any other reason until the matter is under control. Sometimes two 911 calls come in at the same time and with only one operator, the second has to go unanswered.

The mayor and council agreed that the Mayor should look into some promised additional funding for this position.

The city council approved three housekeeping resolutions. One was to make official the name of the engineering firm to handle the engineering services for the addition to the CDBG disaster recovery grant.

The second was for annual Administrative Services on CDBG grants, signed with SE Alabama Regional Planning and Development Corporation.

The third resolution was to authorize Mayor James Grimes to sign papers with AEC on the proposed \$300,000 speculative industry building.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow told council members that city crews were moving the old equipment to be sold back into the city lot. He added they were finding some engines and transmissions in the abandoned equipment which could be used in some of the running equipment.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond addressed the council on the installation of the drain pipes on Martin L. King Drive (MLK) and a drainage problem on Myrtle Street.

Morrow told him the city is waiting for the gas company to relocate a gas line before proceeding with the pipe installation on MLK. He added that the gas company was trying to time the work because cutting the line will cut gas service to half of Elba.

Addressing the Myrtle Street drainage problem, Morrow said, "It's useless, we have been waiting the reopening of the asphalt plant and getting either hot or cold mix to address that problem."

Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis' retirement official

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Long time Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis confirmed rumors which have been floating around the county for months Tuesday when he officially announced he is retiring, effective January 18th. Ellis has served as Circuit Clerk since January 1997. He served four 6-year terms, the last three of which he was elected to completely unopposed. He made his retirement official in a recent letter to the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC).

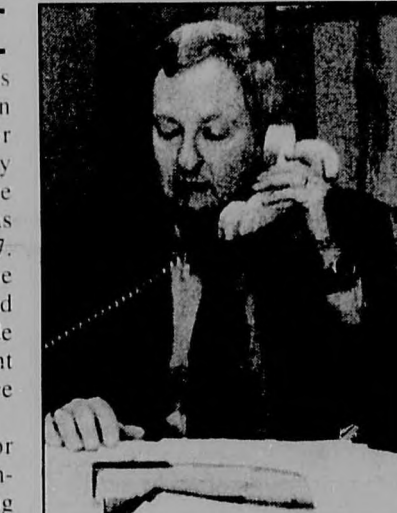
"I plan to take some time for myself," Ellis said Tuesday morning. "I want to get in a lot of fishing and work on my golf handicap." He added that even though he had no immediate plans other than relaxing a little, the farm and community activities would probably keep him pretty busy. If not, his wife Becky, who has not retired, will probably have some suggestions for him.

Ellis said he had enjoyed his tenure in public office and expressed thanks to the people of Coffee County for allowing him to serve in the office for four terms. "There are some great people in Coffee County, and I am probably going to miss being with people the most. I am a people person," he said as his eyes gazed off into space.

Mr. Ellis joined the Coffee County Judicial System in 1972, as a probation/judicial assistant with Superior Court Judge Fleetwood Carney. It was a pilot program, funded with a LEPA grant, designed to get the courts directly handling the probations, rather than going through DHR, known then as "the welfare office". It was the first such program in Southeast Alabama. He was elected to the Circuit Clerk's position in the fall elections of 1976 after then clerk Gladys Clark announced her pending retirement.

Ellis beamed when he talked about the dedicated and efficient employees he has had in both the Elba and Enterprise offices. He said he had been blessed in that regard because no one can operate an office like this without such assistance. "Their loyalty and dedication can never be fully repaid," he added.

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His first term coincided with the beginning of new court procedures mandated in the Alabama Judicial Article constitutional amendment. The Superior Court was changed to District Court, small claims court established, major rule changes took effect and the office went from a commission fee to salary position.

Over the years the Clerk's office has become completely automated with computers, old files are on microfilm, etc. and Alabama is one of the model states in the United States for court system operations.

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again this week and hope to have a replacement named before Ellis leaves office next Tuesday.

Candidates for a full six year term of office will begin qualifying with their respective parties in February of this year and will face the voters in June primaries. If the appointed clerk elects to run for a full term, he or she will be busy learning the system and carrying out the duties in what Ellis calls "a working position" and at the same time canvassing for votes in an ever growing Coffee County population.

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Five county residents arrested for failing to comply with garbage law

The Solid Waste Disposal Enforcement Unit of the Coffee County Health Department announced last Thursday, Jan. 6, that five county residents have been arrested for failure to participate in the mandatory solid waste program. Enforcement officer Wanda Edberg said the residents were arrested for their failure to sign up for the county's solid waste collection. In addition to the five arrested, there are seventy-five arrests pending for other county residents who have failed to participate in the solid waste collection program. All residents of rural Coffee County should be aware that participation in this program is mandatory.

State law, since 1993, requires all residents to dispose of their solid waste or garbage in an appropriate manner and Coffee County is no exception. The law is being strictly enforced.

All households located outside the corporate limits of the cities and towns located in the county are required to participate in the county's solid waste collection program. Edberg says that in towns and cities this is usually not a problem because these residents have to register for garbage/trash collection when they sign up for water, but in

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Deadlock vote leaves Co. Rd. 709 as is

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its first meeting of the year 2000 on Monday and zipped through a relatively short agenda in less than an hour.

Consuming most of the meeting was the discussion of whether or not to change the road number of a section of now Co. Rd. 709 as requested by the Coffee County Emergency Communications (E-911) Board (CCECB) in the December 13th commission meeting.

A number of individuals who live on Co. Rd. 709 were present to voice their opposition to the change. Homer Jackson, spokesman for the group told commissioners, "I've lived in this community for about sixteen years now, and since that time I've gone through three changes of address. Unless you've done that several times, you don't know what a pain it gets to be - notifying all the people that you have to...I just don't see the reason behind changing the highway number for about a quarter of mile or so."

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Webb said these two differences could cause a delay in emergency responders reaching an individual making an E-911 call.

His initial recommendation was to change the portion of Co. Rd. 709 between 708 and AL Hwy. 167 to Co. Rd. 746, and let Co. Rd. 709 originate from AL Hwy. 134/U.S. Hwy. 84; however, he agreed with a recommendation from Commissioner Dalrymple and County Engineer Randy Tindell, who have both looked at the situation, that it might be better to let the portion of 709 between Co. Rd. 708 and AL Hwy. 167 remain as is and change the portion of 709 between AL Hwy. 167 and AL Hwy. 134/U.S. Hwy. 84 to Co. Rd. 746.

"I certainly don't have any problem with what the road number is, but the residents on it have got a problem and that is the reason I asked for this explanation why it needed changing," said Commissioner Dalrymple. "If they want it changed, I'll certainly vote for it to be changed."

After several minutes of discussion with several opinions being offered as to what should or should not be done, it was determined that nothing could be done until the original motion was "untabled" and

brought before the commission for a vote.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimley, that the original motion made in the December 13th meeting to accept CCECB's recommendation be returned before the commission for a vote. The vote was unanimous to "untable" the matter.

With the original motion now before the commission to change the road numbers as suggested by the CCECB, Commissioners Robert Stephens, Kaye Lewis, and Len Averett voted in favor of the change. Commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Tom Grimley, and Linda Westbrook opposed the change while Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained. This means Co. Rd. 709 will remain 709 from Co. Rd. 708 to AL Hwy. 134 except where it passes through the Enterprise City Limits.

Webb expressed his concern for the safety of individuals living on the Co. Rd. 709 due to the potential problem of emergency responders (fire, rescue, law, etc.) locating their residence in a timely manner.

"I'll be happy to leave it alone and if someone gets hurt out there, I'll feel bad, but I've done my part," he said.

Turning to another matter concerning emergency service, Chairman Lewis read a letter from New Brockton Mayor Britt Lee requesting \$1,000 per month for nine months to be used to subsidize the

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NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2000, in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electrical, water, street or sewer. Call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 to report any emergency. The garbage collection schedule is unchanged.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The weather during the past year must have been very good for wildlife. A number of hunters have reported killing deer in Coffee County. It means the food was plentiful, and the woods are not overstocked. The ones we have seen crossing the roads have appeared to be nice and fat, accounting for the 225+ specimens being killed by local hunters.

Monday afternoon we finally managed to get a phone call through to the Atlanta postal office in charge of the proposed new Elba post office. The official notice wasn't posted in the local post office until January 6th, due to some sort of mix up. Area residents were thirty days from the date it was posted to register comments on the proposed location of the new postal facility. He explained the post office policy is to record all opposition, and if it is a significant amount, with address concerns, they will revisit the issue with city officials and consider selecting another site and start the process all over. We are receiving some verbal complaints on the matter, but apparently have been only about three citizens who expressed their concerns to Atlanta. Frankly, the strongest complaint being received in this office is not on the actual location, but on the fact the property is being purchased from a city official. City Councilman John W. Sharpless offered his property, as he is building a new home on Highland Drive. While there is no problem from the post office viewpoint, there is a state law against city officials selling property to the city, and the City of Elba plans to use the post office building. Mayor James Grimes said he discussed this with attorneys from the League of Municipalities before the property was officially offered to post office officials. The plan devised was for Sharpless to sell the lot to a third party, which would then sell it to the city. The complaints being received, and we understand being voiced to the Alabama Ethics Commission, are on the legality (or morality) of this procedure. Postal authorities said they were not involved with this, as they were only proposing to lease a facility from the city on a site approved by their real estate location officer, and it would be up to the city to do its part legally.

Either of two things could make the above argument valid and unquestionable by anyone. First and most obvious would be for the post office department to select another site (which would be after the 30 day comment period). Second would be for the city to bow out and a private party build and lease the facility to the post office. A private party deal would be more costly to the post office and therefore is not their first choice, but is regularly done. Such a deal would not have a smidgen of any legal questions attached.

We are not taking a position on the issue here, but have pointed out to city fathers and postal officials the public perception of someone skirting the spirit of the law. While all concerned assure us there is no effort to break the law nor give anyone unfair advantage, some have privately acknowledged it may be hard to convince the general public of their good intentions.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson has gotten involved in a public school "zero tolerance" case which has drawn national attention and is now in court. A group of students (about 6) got into a fight at a high school football game. A video of the scene, with the fight in progress, has been shown repeatedly on national TV. While Jackson thinks the students were wronged in their suspension, we support the policy. It doesn't take a genius to understand rules of behavior, and these young men have had the same exposure to those rules as anyone else. It doesn't matter if they are black, white, brown or are my children, wrong is wrong and participating in a running fight into the seats full of spectators is wrong. We must maintain order if our wonderful society is to survive, and it must be honored by all people enjoying that wonderful society.

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Legislative 'Advisors' Are A Waste Of Taxpayer's Money
by Senator Bill Armistead

The Alabama Legislature will begin its regular session on February 1, 2000. The most important task that we have before us each session is the passage of the state's budgets. In preparation for this session, the Joint Committee on Budgets and Finance will meet next week to begin the budgeting process for this year's state budgets.

As has been done during each budget hearing in which I have participated during the last five years, each agency comes before the legislature and asks for a certain increase in funds. I have yet to see an agency come before the legislature with a plan for streamlining their agency and asking for a budget reduction. I doubt that this year will be any different, however, I anxiously await the time that will occur.

Unfortunately, the Democrat-controlled legislature has continued to throw money around like drunken sailors when it comes time to write the budgets. Millions of dollars are spread around in the budget each year to "take care of" certain entrenched long-time legislators and their special "pork" projects. I

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 3, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one criminal trespass, five thefts of property, two domestic disturbances, one fire damage, one possession of marijuana, one criminal mischief, one DUI, one runaway, one hit and run (vehicle), one burglary, one house fire, one disorderly conduct, four harassments, and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for criminal mischief, two for assault, one for burglary, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, and one for harassment. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driver's license not in possession, one for reckless driving, twelve for speeding, eight for violation of seat belt law, one for obstruction of driver's view, three for expired tag, three for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for DUI, three for running a stop sign, and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activities highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - Prowler reported on AL Hwy. 189N (1:30 a.m.); Prowler reported on Dr. Roberts Drive (2:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Claxton Avenue (2:50 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (8:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Fred's on AL 203 By-pass (6:18 p.m.).
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 - River stage - 3.53 (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Apartments (2:45 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a shed/vehicle fire on Ann Street (1:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Powell Trailer Court (1:52 p.m.).
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 - River stage - 3.65 (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on West Hwy. (4:24 p.m.); Routine activity.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 - River stage - 3.62 (6:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 189N (8:35 a.m.); Routine activity.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 - River stage - 3.06 (6:11 a.m.); Wreck reported on Troy Highway at the intersection of AL 203 (12:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Troy Highway (12:13 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection on Taylor Mill Road and AL Hwy. 203 (1:11 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass/woods fire on U. S. Hwy. 84W (3:51 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection on Taylor Mill Road and AL Hwy. 203 (8:40 p.m.).
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 - Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire on Hickman Avenue (3:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to stand by at a mobile home fire on Hickman Avenue (3:42 p.m.); River stage - 3.65 (6:39 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on U. S. Hwy. 84W (3:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on the Brantley Highway (3:42 p.m.); Prowler reported on Morrow Avenue (10:07 p.m.).
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 - Disturbance reported on East Davis Street (1:13 a.m.); River stage - 4.12 (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84 (11:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 189 (12:23 p.m.).

ALERT-ALERT-ALERT
The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex - New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3568
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon, City Hall Conference Room
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll Hall
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria
• WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba

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then we have lost all faith and trust in one another and the system. I still say that the enactment of term limits for legislators would be the best thing for the political system in Alabama and it would certainly be best for the citizens of our state. This will ensure that we move out the career politicians and allow fresh ideas to appear on the scene in Montgomery.

Well, back to the problem with the spending of money in Montgomery. Although I rarely agree with Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, I'll make the exception this once and commend him for the stand he took last week as a member of the Legislative Contract Review Committee. Rep. Holmes was the only member of the committee who fought the approval of these contracts for political cronies to serve as "advisors" to the legislature.

Rep. Holmes, one of the more outspoken legislators, spoke the truth when he said: "We ought not to be taking public money and paying for political parties." He added and that the committee chairman getting these advisors "need a personal lawyer about as much as I need a personal yacht." Amen to that Alvin!

Although the funds paid to these consultants were appropriated in this year's state budget, and

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 4, 2000, through January 10, 2000. They were: Maggie Brown, Daniel Campbell, Colton Skipper, Duane Slenker, Leopolda Rodriguez, Mildred Eiland, Natasha Warren, Ronnie Crowley, Patricia Oswalt, Ronnie Skinner, Audrianna Deal, Barbara Walden, Fred Smith, Colan Marshall, Ida Mauldin, Tiffany Parrish, Rosalie Gaines, Jennice Boutwell, Jamie Sexton, Cora Terry, Sylvia Canley, Betty Wilson, Williams, Agatha Williams, James Chivers, Henry Eiland, Alice Canley, Donnie Stackhouse, Willie Frank Daniels, Henry Eiland, Fred Cox, Mary Crandall, Veneria Bouldwell, and Etta Griswald.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Christopher Powell, Pamela Barton, William English, Duane Slenker, Patricia Oswalt, Colton Skipper, Ronnie Crowley, Natasha Warren, Mildred Eiland, Leopolda Rodriguez, Barbara Walden, Ronnie Skinner, Fred Smith, Kristy Miles, Joyce Johnson, Audrianna Deal, Daniel Campbell, Betty Wilson, Maggie Brown, Jennice Boutwell, Tiffany Parrish, J.L. Edgar, Jamie Sexton, John Williams, Agatha Williams, James Chivers, Donnie Stackhouse, Willie Frank Daniels, Cora Terry, Rosalie Eiland, Ida Mauldin, Veneria Bouldwell, and Etta Griswald.

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funding of emergency medical service to the portion of the county formerly covered by the New Brockton Rescue Squad. The service will also be provided to the town of New Brockton.

"I want to emphasize the fact that we are not giving any money to any rescue squad," said Lewis. There seems to be a misunderstanding - people thinking we are giving it to rescue squads and we are not. We are supporting the city like we did Elba. We giving them money to help them fund emergency medical services."

The commission voted unanimously to honor the mayor's request. It was noted that a large portion of the service area will be in rural Coffee County.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis commented that the engineers with the state highway department had recognized the Coffee County Highway Department for its work done on all state and federally funded projects.

The overall "grade" given to the county after the projects were completed was a "very commendable 88."

Lewis, along with other commissioners, commended Tindell and his department on the job they are doing for the people of the county.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:
**Passed a resolution requesting by County Engineer Tindell changing the intersection of Co. Rds. 474 and 473 to a four-way stop. A pub-

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lural portions of the county not served by water systems this is not the case.

According to Edberg, some rural residents of the county have been creative in getting rid of their garbage. Some carry it to their work places and dispose of it in those garbage containers, others burn it, some dump it in a neighbor's can who subscribes to the service, and there are a few (a very small number) who still dump it out in the woods or along side county roads.

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Special Education: How And Why It Works

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CLAYTON (BILL) BRADLEY, JR.

Mr. Clayton "Bill" Bradley, Jr., born April 9, 1924, of Samson, Ala., died Jan. 2, 2000.

Mr. Bradley served 23 years as a councilman for the City of Samson and worked on the Samson Rescue Squad.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 2000 at Greater Springfield Baptist Church of Samson with Rev. Sylvester Bradley officiating. Burial followed in the Samson Cemetery with Hammonds Funeral Home of Elba directing.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, O'Neal, Milton and Gene, and one sister, Mary Marvin.

Survivors include his wife: Naylor Bradley, his brother: Rev. Sylvester Bradley, Hasten, Fla.; one sister: Lucinda (Jo) Shelton, Andalusia, Ala.; two God daughters: Jeannette (Eluester) Hobbs, Samson, Melanie Hobbs, Birmingham, Ala.; one God son: Shaun Jones, Samson; and one sister-in-law: Nola McIntosh, Opp, Ala.

REV. DALLAS DANIEL "MUTT" BRYANT

Rev. Dallas Daniel "Mutt" Bryant, age 77, of Brundidge, Ala., died Jan. 9, 2000 following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 2000 at Abundant Life Center in Brundidge with the Rev. Billy Joe Glover, Rev. Terry Hester and Rev. Roy Creamer officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Katherine Bryant; one daughter: son-in-law: Peggy and John Dyer, Newport News, Va.; one son and daughter-in-law: Danny and Ursula Bryant, Brundidge; two granddaughters: Lauren Bryant, Brundidge; Sarah Gardner, Newport News, Va.; one brother: Albert Bryant, Brundidge; one sister: Mildred Shehane, Brundidge; two half sisters: Rudy Paik, Troy, and Elie Hood, Brooksville, Fla.

BENJAMIN (SNOWBALL) HENDERSON

Mr. Benjamin "Snowball" Henderson, born Aug. 11, 1931, of Opp, Ala., died Jan. 5, 2000.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 2000 at Piney Grove Baptist Church of Opp, Ala. with Rev. John Lawrence officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Shirley (Daisy) Lindsey, Opp; one brother: Deacon Charles (Ollie) Henderson, Elba; three sisters: Anne Lee (Daisy) Campbell, Elba; Annie Pearl Siler, Opp, Martha Edwards, Elba; one sister-in-law: Clara Henderson, Opp; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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RICHARD HARGROVE HIGGINBOTHAM

Richard H. "Dick" Higginbotham, age 76, passed away Jan. 4, 2000, at Memorial City Hospital, Houston, Texas. Mr. Higginbotham was a native of Rupert, W. Va. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

Mr. Higginbotham received a degree from the University of West Virginia in mechanical engineering. He was an engineer with Dupont, a registered land surveyor and registered engineer in Florida and Texas and retired from Higginbotham and Son, Inc.

He was a charter member of the Florida Society of Land Surveyors, an honorary lifetime member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was Soap Box Derby Director from 1965 to 1969 in Lakeland, Fla. Mr. Higginbotham has lived in Hawkinsville, Ga. for the past two years.

Survivors include one sister: Margaret Lloyd of Martinsville, Va.; one brother: Henry Higginbotham, Lakeland, Fla.; three daughters: Julia Evans, Hawkinsville, Ga.; Janet Reynolds, Leesburg, Va.; Rachel Baxter, Elba, Ala.; two sons: Richard H. Higginbotham, Jr. and Shawn A. Higginbotham of Houston, Texas; and fourteen grandchildren: Margaret Rae Evans, Elliott Evans, Jr., Matt Greco, Josh Reynolds, Claire Reynolds, Jennifer Higginbotham, Chris Higginbotham, Carrie Higginbotham, Jeremy Higginbotham, David Higginbotham, Stephen Higginbotham, Sarah Higginbotham, Alecia Baxter and Michael Baxter.

Family Funeral Care handled arrangements in Houston, and a memorial graveside service will be held in Spencer, W. Va., in late June.

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SCHOOLS

Rebel Varsity Cheerleaders Compete

by Kayla Eddins
The varsity cheerleaders from Zion Chapel participated for the first time in the school's history in a cheerleading competition.

The ACCAA Cheerleading Competition was held in Birmingham during a recent weekend. Attending were squads from throughout the State of Alabama.

The squad from Zion Chapel competed in the 1A Varsity Cheer Division and placed second. Since this was the first time a squad from Zion Chapel had competed it was really a learning experience for knowledge that could be passed on to future squads.

Each squad that competed had to do a stunt, a pyramid, a dance, and a cheer. They were judged on their stunts as well. They were also judged on such skills as motion technique, degree of difficulty, and crowd appeal.

The members of the squad said that they enjoyed the experience, and those who will not graduate are looking forward to competing next year. They were accompanied to the competition by their sponsor, Ms. Stacy Steck.



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

ZC FBLA Holds Meeting

by Jessica Kelley
On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Zion Chapel Senior and Junior level chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America held its regular monthly meeting.

The President of the Senior High Chapter, Daphne Jinnright, was in the chair. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. The creed was read by Morgan Hodge. The roll of the junior level was called by secretary Whitney Stephens, and Secretary Jessica Kelley called the senior level's roll. The minutes were approved as read by the secretary for the senior level, and there were no minutes for the junior level because it was their first meeting.

Middle Level Treasurer Lance Dickey reported that their balance was uncertain because all receipts on fundraiser sales were not totaled. Senior Level Treasurer Jill Jinnright reported a balance on hand as of December 8 of \$563.31.

Tara Grant gave a report for the committee formed to write a Middle Level constitution and to update the Senior Level's constitution. The motion to adopt the Middle Level constitution, as stated, was carried. Notice of the vote on the Senior Level constitution was given for the next regular meeting.

The next reports given were from students who attended the workshops at the National Fall Leadership Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, last month. Morgan Hodge reported on a workshop for Internet use. Tara Grant reported on a workshop for proper business dress for competitions. Kacy

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ZC Student Attends National Congress

Sarah Maddox, a Zion Chapel junior, attended the 1999 National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Ga. Sarah was selected to be one of the 20 Alabama delegates by submitting her 4-H scrapbook which documented all the 4-H activities in which she has participated including competitions and community service hours.

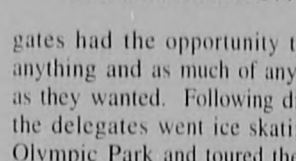
The first few hours of the Congress were spent getting settled in rooms and meeting people from the 48 states and Puerto Rico that were represented at the Congress. She was able to exchange state pins with many of these people. Jeff O'Leary, an international magician, was the keynote speaker at the Welcome Ceremony.

Sarah was chosen to carry the Alabama State flag at the Opening Assembly on Saturday morning. This assembly began with a presentation of state flags. The keynote speaker for this assembly was Jill Kruger.

The next activity was a tour of Centennial Olympic Park followed by an afternoon assembly where the speaker was Scott Holmbeck, a paralympic gold medalist. Workshops were next on the agenda of things to do. The first one for Sarah was called "Living on the Edge" which was about time management and it was conducted by personnel from Franklin who gave everyone a Franklin Planner. Her next workshop was "Ballroom and Swing Dancing" and she learned different dances including the tango and the foxtrot. That night an international dinner was held where different states were set up with food from around the world. The dinner was buffet style so the delegates had the opportunity to try anything and as much of anything as they wanted. Following dinner, the delegates went ice skating in Olympic Park and toured the city by horse and buggy.

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an afternoon of participating in community service projects throughout the city of Atlanta. The projects included landscaping projects, working in soup kitchens, and helping children make Christmas decorations. Making Christmas decorations at a children's center, sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta was what Sarah did during the afternoon.

Sunday evening the delegates attended the Coca Cola Company and had a "Touch of the South" dinner. Sarah said, "This was the only time I had sweet tea while I was at the Congress!"

Monday morning a breakfast assembly was held and the speaker was Ted Turner who owns TNT, TBS, the Atlanta Braves, and Turner Field. Leadership workshops were held during the afternoon and that night the formal Congress Gala was held. The special guest was Heather French, Miss America 2000.

Tuesday, the closing assembly was held with Dan Clark as the motivational speaker. This was followed by the trip home.

Zion Chapel FCCLA Meets

The regular meeting of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America was held on Dec. 14. Miss Heather Arnold was the presiding officer. The club secretary, Miss Pam Cotton, called the roll. Miss Daphne Jinnright gave a report on the food drive. The club decided that they would give half of the canned goods to a local family that really needed the help; the other

half will be given to the Christian Mission of Elba.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of fund raising ideas. There were many different suggestions such as a car wash, a woman's beauty pageant, a bake sale, and a donut sale. It was decided that the Chapter would have a woman's beauty pageant. The date for this pageant will be announced later.

The special activity of this meeting was singing the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Each person drew a number when entering the room. All the members who drew ones sat on the first row, those with twos sat on the second row, and so on. The Recreational Leaders Stacy Cape and Alexis Bell sang the first verse, then the other verses were sung by the different rows of members.

The members recited the creed, and the meeting was adjourned.

The members were then invited to have refreshments which included a variety of cookies and "weenies" in a special sauce prepared by Mrs. Joan Hobbs, Chapter sponsor.

Coffee County Schools Menu

January 17 - 21, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Leek/King Birthday Tuesday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Oatmeal, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Pancakes & Syrup, Ham Slice, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Biscuit w/ White Gravy & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Leek/King Birthday Tuesday - Yummy Veg. Soup, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Sauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit, Crackers, Milk Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Fish Sandwich, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding w/ Walers, Fruit, Milk Thursday - Fresh Pork Roast, Country Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Butterbeans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk Friday - Chili, Cheese Pizza, Fresh Veggies w/ Dip, Baked Potato, Half Orange Smiles, Crackers, Milk

ESJC NEWS

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

FREE Classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m.-Noon and New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes.

CANCER SEMINAR Breast Cancer Treatment Options, Support and Recovery is a special interest seminar to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. The program, authorized by the Alabama Department of

Public Health and the American Cancer Society, teaches the three steps to breast health and early detection of breast cancer. The instructor, a two-time survivor of breast cancer, will teach participants to save their lives with the touch of their fingers. This program has been approved for one contact hour of continuing education credit for nurses by Medical Center Enterprise. There is no charge for this seminar, and the registration deadline is Feb. 10. The seminar will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (334) 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

LITERACY VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP A FREE Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop at Enterprise State Junior College teaches volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-

level learners. The psychology of the adult learner, the use of Laubach reading materials, and other methods for teaching adults will be examined. There is NO CHARGE for this workshop. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 260. Also, a FREE English as a Second Language Tutor Training Workshop held at ESJC teaches volunteers how to tutor non-native learners of English. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

GED TESTING The GED Test of High School Equivalency is administered at Enterprise State Junior College every Tuesday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE classes to assist students in preparing for the exam are available at the ESJC main campus, the Ft. Rucker campus, as well as other sites in Coffee and Dale Counties. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

COMPUTER COURSE Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer - Level II, is offered this spring semester. This course, the first of three sessions offered this spring semester, is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Using a Microcomputer - Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Jan. 31. Class meets Mondays and Tuesdays, Feb. 7-15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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SCHOOLS

Small Town - Big Spark

by Katie Vaughan

The last day of the 20th century was an exciting day for the citizens of Elba, Ala. This New Year's celebration was one of the most spectacular events that our little town has ever experienced. The festivities included concessions and entertainment provided by the First Assembly of God Youth Group. Special performances were also given by Leanne Mallory and Lauren. As 12:00 rolled around, the

ball was dropped. A ball in Elba? Isn't that in New York City? Nope! It was Downtown Elba. Who would have thought? A huge ball surrounded by white lights was slowly released from the top of the courthouse. Then at 12:05, it was time for the grand finale. National Security donated a tremendous amount of money for a half-hour fireworks show. So the rumor is true. Elba is a small town with a big spark.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
&
Cammie Kelley

Enrichment Classes Write Letters To Tiger Tales Editor

Mrs. Collins Enrichment Class
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
I have really enjoyed my year at Elba High School. Never as a student have I been allowed so much freedom. I get to pick my own food and can do more things than last year.

Sincerely,
Jerry

Dear Editor:
I just want to tell you the one thing I like about our school is the food. It is delicious and some of the lunch ladies are nice. Mostly I get cheeseburgers. I sometimes get fries, burritos, and pizza - but cheeseburgers are my favorite. I hate it when my class leaves the lunchroom; but hey, there's always tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Matthew

When I was asked to write a letter about what I like most about my school, the first thing that came to mind was the friendly atmosphere that our school always has. You'll always find someone with a smile on his face. Another thing that I like is our caring teachers. These are the people who encourage us and push us forward to reach our goals.

Sincerely,
Anna

Dear Editor:
What I like most about Elba High School is the food. Believe it or not I like the teachers too. When I get in trouble, the teachers sit down and listen to my side of the story. I especially like the principal because he tries to get whatever I need. Oh, and when I forget something at home, I can call. But mostly what I like about school is being with friends. Thanks for everything.

Todd

Dear Editor:

What's up? Well, I like a lot about school. I like the teachers. But most of all I like the food - talk about good food with lots of choices, not like elementary. I always like PE. I like basketball. That's my favorite sport. I like football and break too. In elementary school we had little ice creams, juices, and popcorn, but I'm getting older now. I guess that high school is the bomb. I really enjoyed writing to you. Got to go.

Johnny
P.S. I enjoy your page in THE ELBA CLIPPER.

Dear Cammie:
I have many things that I like about Elba High School, but what I really like is that the student body shows a lot of school spirit. Friday is a busy day for everyone. The football team is getting ready for the big game, the cheerleaders are making signs and getting things ready for the pep rally, and the student body is waiting for the pep rally to begin. By 2:40 everyone is in the gym cheering with the cheerleaders and waiting for the football team to come out. When the team comes out, everyone stands up and cheers for them.

Friday nights everyone is always watching the game and cheering. Everyone is clapping and singing with the band and cheering with the cheerleaders. I love our school because we show a lot of school spirit.

Dear Editor:
I have really enjoyed my year at Elba High School. Never as a student have I been allowed so much freedom. I can sit where I want in the table, pick my own food, and especially I like not having to cram 8 subjects into my head all at once. Also if it were not for being at the high school, I couldn't do all the fun stuff, like going to the pep rallies and cheering the football team to victory. When in the elementary school it was hardly ever this much fun. We had many more restrictions.

In high school we have so much more freedom. This is what I like about Elba High.

Cordially yours,
Lyndsay

Dear Cammie:
What I like since I came to EHS



MRS. COLLINS' ENRICHMENT CLASS

is the sports I get to participate in. I have played basketball and football so far. I also like the pep rallies we have. But the pep rallies could be longer and more fun.

Sincerely,
Mallory

Dear Editor:
I like the classes in EHS. The classes are easier, fewer, and not as strict. All these things and I still respect make this a good school. Freedom also makes this a good school. That is why I like EHS.

Sincerely,
Alex

Dear Editor:
Hello. Since I've been at Elba High School I've been afforded many new opportunities. Some of these are the block schedule with only four subjects, pep rallies, and the snack and drink machines in the cafeteria. Without the block schedule I would have been so cramped with eight subjects. I think the pep rallies are great too. I like pep rallies not only to get out of class, but also to show class spirit, cheer for the football team, and clap with the band. Pep rallies are great! Last but not least, the drink and snack machines give me a little sugar and if I don't like the food in the lunch line, I can have refreshment any way. These are the reasons I like high school.

Sincerely,
Kristin

Dear Editor:
I really enjoy coming to Elba High School. I really love what Elba does and I think we have got spirit for our football players and cheerleaders and coaches. My dad is a coach for football and teaches health. My brother is in the 11th grade and I'm in the 7th grade. I really thank you and appreciate what has been done for us.

Cordially yours,
Jennifer

Dear Editor:
I am writing to tell you the things I like about our school. Since I have been in high school there have been

many things about it that I like. I love not having to work in lines and getting to choose what we want to eat.

Probably the biggest thing of all though is the teachers. I think they are awesome! They are like your friend. They teach you, and they care about you. And do they ever work hard they work. First of all they have to come up with lesson plans. Then they have to write out the lesson. And on top of all that they have to put up with US! It's a wonder why they even bother to come to school! So in my opinion the best thing at Elba High School is the teachers.

Sincerely,
Emily

Dear Kim:
Hi! I'm just writing to tell you some of the great things about our school. Well first of all I really love our teachers! I'm getting help with everything I need and I'm learning a whole lot everyday. They are so sweet and friendly. I know they care about us and what we do after we graduate because we're always talking about the exit exam and what grades we need for certain occupations. I really do enjoy being with my teachers everyday. Another great thing about EHS is the band. Our band is really great! All of our music is fun to play. At competition I realized how close we are. All the band students are so nice. And they are some of the best kids in the school. Anything that happens to me I can talk to them. It's like having 99 extra brothers and sisters. I really love our school and now you know my favorite things about it.

Sincerely,
Cameron
P.S. You're a great drum major. We love you and we'll miss you.

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EHS Students Visit Big Apple



by Cammie Kelley

Cammie Kelley (l) and Katie Vaughan (r) visited the Big Apple Nov. 20-26. The week was filled with excitement and practice as the girls prepared to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Over 800 cheerleaders from all over the U.S. attended the week long trip. While there, the girls visited the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. They also saw the Lion King Broadway Show and the Radio City Rockettes. The girls stayed in the New York Hilton Hotel. Katie and Cammie had two roommates who were both from Alabama. Parade Day was exciting and rainy; however, the girls loved cheering on the streets of New York. Cammie and Katie enjoyed the trip and considered it a once-in-a-lifetime honor.

One Final Word On Y2K

by Amy Kirkland

Y2K. Many were tired of hearing this term for the year 2000 long before this new millennium even began. There were many concerns and fears surrounding the change. The possibility of technological failures had much of society in a frenzy. Several people stocked up on canned foods, bottled water, batteries and gas. As the old saying goes, "Better safe than sorry." I recently asked students to comment on the millennium, on whether they

stocked up, and how they feel about the new millennium.

Charly Bartow: "I think that people made too big a deal about the millennium."

Evan Tew: "I think it's neat that it's a new millennium."

Aaron Baxley: "I think it was all a big set-up."

Katie Vaughan: "We bought a lot of water and crackers."

Jeremy Sasser: "I think it's just another reason for a party."

Elba Elementary School Menu

January 17 - 21, 2000

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Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk Thursday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Milk	Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Turkey Wiggle, Whole Kernel Corn, Butterbeans, Sweet Potato, Roll, Milk Wednesday - Burrito w/ Salsa, Rice, Green Salad, Half Apple, Milk Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Wedges, Cookie, Milk Friday - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Half Orange, Milk

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family moved for the fifth time since the '98 flood last week, and hopefully we now have a place to hang our hat on for many years to come. It has always amazed me how much junk we can gather over a short period of time, and that was certainly the case last week as we trashed load after load of stuff that at one time must have seemed important. We emptied the last of the boxes late Sunday afternoon, and while we are still missing a few items, at least everything is in its place, for now!

PASSING ON SOME NOTES OF INTEREST....

*** The Elba Tigers claimed one of their biggest wins in years Friday night when they surprised the Clayton Tigers 71-60, in Elba. The win gave Elba a 2-0 area record and moved their record for the season to 10-2, and maybe the Tigers can keep it up in the area race and finally host the Area Tournament. The 8th ranked Tigers showed Clayton that they could run faster, jump higher and light up the scoreboard as well as any team in the 3A ranks, and really sent a message to everyone left on Elba's schedule that this team is here to stay. Tim Ware had another big night with 31 points, while Monroe Williams and Wayne Reed came through and helped carry the Tigers to the win. A packed gym was on hand for the important area win, and there is no doubt that the Tigers' fans have caught the fever! Elba still has some mighty tough games ahead. However, the players all seem to know their roles and have pulled together through the merry-go-round of coaches in recent weeks, and now are a true team on and off the court. What has already been a fun season should get even more fun as it rolls along.

*** Elba's win Friday night over Clayton marked Johnny Dunn's first as the new interim coach of the Tigers, and while the players scored all the points and grabbed all the rebounds, Coach Dunn proved to everyone in attendance that he can still coach basketball. Coach Dunn was very successful during stints at Pike County and Arton during his early days in education, and had always coached at least one sport until he came to Elba last year as the assistant principal. There is no doubt that Dunn's presence at the school has made its mark on the students and faculty, and now that he is back on the court, if only for one year, he will also make his mark on the school's athletic program. Good luck, Coach Dunn, everyone in Elba is supporting you and your team.

*** It wasn't the best of weeks for the teams in the area, as New Brockton, Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley all tasted defeat. The New Brockton Gamecocks returned to the court after a week absence and were pounded by a much-improved band of Enterprise Wildcats, while the Kinston Bulldogs dropped a nail-biter in the SCAC country against previously winless Arton. The Zion Chapel Rebels were ambushed big time by Florala, and the Brantley Bulldogs were upset in an area contest against J.U. Blacksher. All coaches hate to play the week after the holidays, but looking down the schedule I can still see some wins for both Kinston and Zion Chapel, and can underline lots of wins for New Brockton and Brantley. Hey, this season has been non-stop since the opening tip, and should be exciting for the fans until the final horn sounds in six weeks.

*** New Brockton's Pate Harrison was named to the "Super 12" high school football team in Classes 1A-3A last week by The Dothan Eagle, and was very deserving of the honor. Harrison played hurt throughout the season, but never backed down from a hit in spite of his shoulder injury, and was the heart and soul of the Gamecocks in their run to the second round of the 2A playoffs. Harrison would play fullback when short yardage was needed, in the line when holes had to be opened up, and at linebacker, where he was a very under-rated high school football player. Pate Harrison reflected what is right about high school football, and deserved the honor!

*** I pulled out the NFL staff off the computer last week and discovered that Elba's Ronald McKinnon closed out the season as the 14th leading tackler among all linebackers in the league. McKinnon, who has been a mainstay with the Arizona Cardinals ever since joining the league, had 141 tackles to lead the Cardinals, recorded one sack for a 10-yard loss and had 4.5 stuffs for minus 11 yards. McKinnon is a star in a league filled with stars, and maybe one year will take the next step and instead of being the most under-rated player in the league, will be one of the players that is recognized by all NFL fans for his contributions. Keep it up Ronald, everyone in Elba is proud to call you one of ours.

*** Elba native son Leavy Boutwell was honored as the "Coach of the Year" by The Dothan Eagle last week in Classes 4A-6A, and was most deserving of the award. Coach Boutwell went to Geneva a few years ago and vowed to work hard to turn the football program around at Geneva High School, and has done that and more. Coach Boutwell last season led the Panthers to their first 10-0 regular season record ever, and over the past two years had led the team to a record of 21-4. Known as a "workaholic" and a purest that demands 110 percent from every player on every play, Boutwell turned the Panthers' program around through hard work, and a return to the style of football that he loved to play, and loves to coach - smash mouth! This team this year ran the ball on offense ninety-percent of the time, while over on defense it lined up and put its helmets on its opponents with authority. Coach Boutwell and his team won the old-fashioned way, through hard work, dedication to each other and a love for the game.

*** In closing, it is a little disappointing to admit that it really wasn't all that surprising to read last week that a purebred North Alabama physically attacked his son's coach in youth basketball after his son didn't get to play enough during a game. The Dad beat up the coach, apparently thinking the beating would make the coach give his son more playing time. I have always said that all parents, especially Dads, need to coach their children at least once while they are growing up, just to see what coaching is all about. The long hours of practice, driving players home after practice, and listening to the criticism from the stands is a very humbling experience, and does indeed change one's views of coaching.

Improve area record to 2-0

Tigers clobber Clayton 71-60

The Elba Tigers took a giant step toward winning the area title Friday night by posting an exciting 71-60 win over the Clayton Tigers, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 10-2, 2-0 in Area 3 play, while Clayton slipped to 8-5, 1-1 in area action.

The two rivals swapped baskets early in the opening stanza. However, Clayton used its sticky full-court press to rattle the Tiger offense, and by the end of the first quarter Clayton was on top 13-7. Elba began to settle its offensive woes in the second quarter, and hit the boards with abandon as the Tigers turned the tables on Clayton, and at intermission went in with a 28-25 lead.

The Tigers slowed down the pace slightly in the third quarter, but remained in command, and led by the inside scoring of Tim Ware moved out to a 45-38 lead by the end of the stanza.

The Tigers quickly extended their lead to double-digits in the fourth quarter, and Ware and Monroe Williams combined to score 16 points in the stanza, as Elba never allowed Clayton to get any closer than ten points, and rolled to the impressive 71-60 win.

Tim Ware scored 31 points, including 22 in the second half, to

To finish season with Tigers

Johnny Dunn named interim basketball coach at Elba High

Johnny Dunn, the assistant principal and athletic director at Elba High School, picked up another responsibility last week when he was named as the interim boys basketball coach for the remainder of the season.

Dunn replaces Coach Marlon Johnston, who resigned suddenly on Dec. 17, after two and one-half years at the Elba High School principal Danny Weeks, and I can assure you the man can do the job. "We at Elba High are extremely lucky to have such a highly-qualified person on staff that can step in for the remainder of the season and guide this team. With three coaches like Johnny Dunn, Frank Phillips and Jamie Corbett, I am confident that the Elba Tigers will have continued success on the basketball court."

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Elba (71): Hill 8, Lawford 5, Reed 14, Ware 31, Williams 13. Clayton (60): Rodgers 6, Person 28, Glover 4, Hawkins 2, Glover 2, Turner 12, Guice 2, Mitchell 1, Warren 3.

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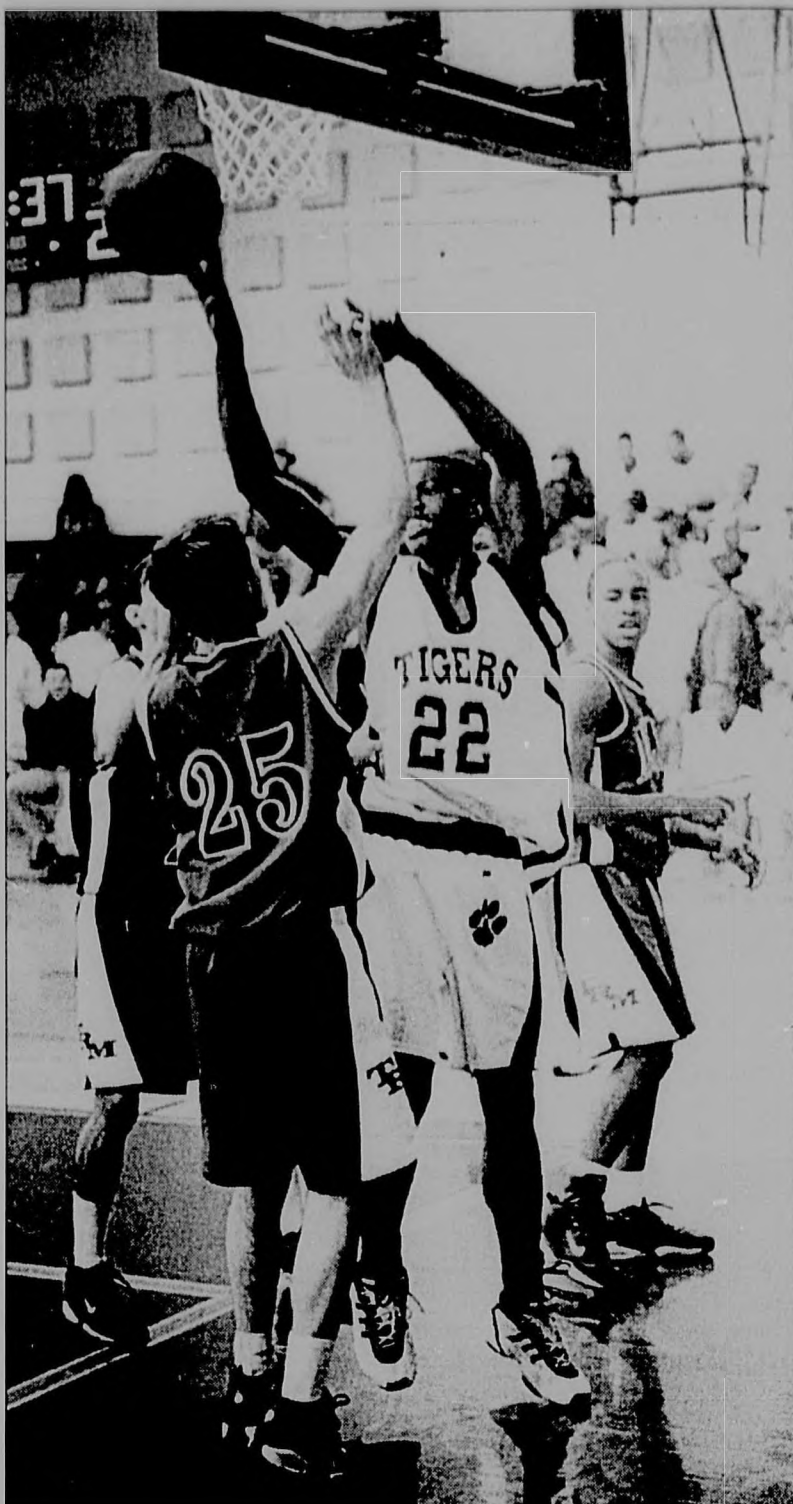
The Elba B team Tigers suffered their first loss of the season Friday night as they fell to the Clayton Tigers 66-61, in overtime.

Elba jumped out to a big 23-11 lead in the opening stanza and led 49-36 heading into the final stanza, only to see Clayton rally to send the game into overtime and then steal the win in the extra period.

Martus Henderson scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Zel Daniels added 11.

Clayton (66): Ross 2, Reeves 19, Glover 14, Jett 2, Smith 11, Devane 12.

Elba (61): Daniels 11, Edwards 1, English 9, Barnes 9, Curran 2, Henderson 19, Brooks 9.



Elba's Wayne Reed (22) passes out to a teammate after pulling down a rebound in a recent Tiger win. The Tigers will be at home Saturday night when they battle the New Brockton Gamecocks in a battle of two of the state's top ranked high school basketball teams.

Elba, New Brockton and Brantley all remain in state basketball poll

The Alabama Sportswriters Association released its first high school basketball poll of the new year last week, and included among the top teams in the state's "Top 10" were the Elba Tigers, New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs.

The Tigers slipped from the #2 spot in Class 3A, but remained among the state's elite with an 8th place ranking, while the Gamecocks moved up from seventh to fifth in the 2A ranks, and the Bulldogs remained #3 in Class 1A.

Following is the complete ASWA high school poll for the week of Jan. 6-12:

BOYS

CLASS 6A - 1. Woodlawn, 2. Huntsville Lee, 3. Sidney Lanier, 4. LeFlore, 5. Tuscaloosa Central, 6. Butler, 7. Auburn, 8. Clay Chalkville, 9. Davidson, 10. Sparkman.

CLASS 5A - 1. Blount, 2. Fort Payne, 3. Gardendale, 4. John Carroll Catholic, 5. Eufrasia, 6. Shelby County, 7. Monroe County, 8. B.C. Rain, 9. Wilcox Central, 10. Russellville.

CLASS 4A - 1. Sumter County, 2. Winfield, 3. Abbeville, 4. Childersburg, 5. Lawrence County, 6. Corner, 7. Livingston, 8. Weaver, 9. Saint Paul, 10. Central Hayneville.

CLASS 3A - 1. Francis Marion, 2. Danville, 3. Washington County, 4. DAR, 5. Crossville, 6. Springville, 7. UMS-Wright, 8. Elba, 9. Calhoun, 10. Briarwood.

CLASS 2A - 1. Mars Hill Bible, 2. Catholic, 3. Tanner, 4. Belgreen, 5. New Brockton, 6. Gaston, 7. Geneva County, 8. Lineville, 9. Hazlewood, 10. Horseshoe Bend.

CLASS 1A - 1. Courtland, 2. Pleasant Home, 3. Brantley, 4. Saint Jude, 5. Akron, 6. Holy Spirit, 7. Decatur Heritage, 8. Saint Bernard, 9. Collinsville, 10. Carrollton.

GIRLS

CLASS 6A - 1. Decatur, 2. Hoover, 3. Huffman, 4. Butler, 5. Baldwin County, 6. Vestavia Hills, 7. LeFlore, 8. Wenonah, 9. Austin, 10. Oxford.

CLASS 5A - 1. Fairfield, 2. Hazel Green, 3. Andalusia, 4. Athens, 5. Boaz, 6. B.T. Washington, 7. Escambia County, 8. Buckhorn, 9. Hartsville, 10. McAdory and Erwin.

CLASS 4A - 1. Lawrence County, 2. Deshler, 3. Saint Paul, 4. Cherokee County, 5. Geneva, 6. Guntersville, 7. Dadeville, 8. West Point, 9. East Limestone, 10. Winfield.

CLASS 3A - 1. UMS-Wright, 2. R.C. Hatch, 3. Lauderdale County, 4. Calhoun, 5. Montgomery Academy, 6. Sulligent, 7. DAR, 8. Pisgah, 9. Ashville, 10. McIntosh.

CLASS 2A - 1. Fayette, 2. Red Bay, 3. Cold Springs, 4. Tanner, 5. Mars Hill Bible, 6. Valley Head, 7. Marion County, 8. Lineville, 9. Belgreen, 10. Hatwood.

CLASS 1A - 1. Carrollton, 2. Autaugaville, 3. Notasulga, 4. Saint Bernard, 5. Sunshine, 6. Spring Garden, 7. Houston Academy, 8. Speake, 9. Madison Academy, 10. Phillips Bear Creek.

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SPORTS

Boutwell named 4A-6A "Coach of Year"

Harrison named to "Super 12" prep football team

The Dothan Eagle named its annual "Super 12" high school football team for the 1999 prep season last weekend, and included among the area's top twenty-four players in Class 1A-3A and Class 4A-6A was New Brockton line-backer Pate Harrison.

Harrison, a 6-1, 200-pound, senior, recorded a total of 141 tackles in leading the Gamecocks into the second round of the Class 2A playoffs, with 9 tackles coming for losses. The Gamecock standout missed action early in the season due to a nagging shoulder injury, but ignored the pain late in the season and was the team's leader on and off the field.

The "Super 12" in Classes 1A-3A included Lorenzo Williams (RB-DB), G.W. Long, Andre Golsen (RB), Geneva County, Kevin Buzo (RB-LB), Houston County; Brett Laney (LB-OG), Arton; Pate Harrison (LB), New Brockton; Steve Sowell (RB), Dixie Academy; Carlos Hall (WR), Louisville; Anthony Bowden (QB-LB), Wicksburg; Henry Dawkins (RB-DB), Wicksburg; Wade Miller (QB-LB), G.W. Long; Norris Drinkard (RB-DB), Houston County; and Lynore Garrett (RB-DB), Cottonwood. Lora Williams, who rushed for 2,398 yards and scored 24 touchdowns, was named the 1A-3A "Player of the Year," while the "Coach of the Year" was Wicksburg's Mil Taton.

The "Super 12" in Classes 4A-6A included Adam King (QB), Dothan; Johnny Faulk (QB-CB), Northview; Lionel Macklin (RB-DB), Carroll; Adrian Johnson (LB), Eufrasia; Billy Scott (RB), Dale County; Raphael Tynes (RB), Geneva; Des Cox (RB), Geneva; Brandy Brannon (RB-LB), Opp; Adam Page (LB), Headland; Brandon Barnes (LB), Rehoboth; Lee Miller (OL), Enterprise; David Dylan Pentecost (QB), Daleville; Adrian Johnson, who made 152 tackles, was named the 4A-6A "Player of the Year," while the "Coach of the Year" was Geneva's Leavy Boutwell.

Brantley Bulldogs win two of three

The third-ranked Brantley Bulldogs hit the court three times last week and claimed two wins to push their record for the season to 5-2.

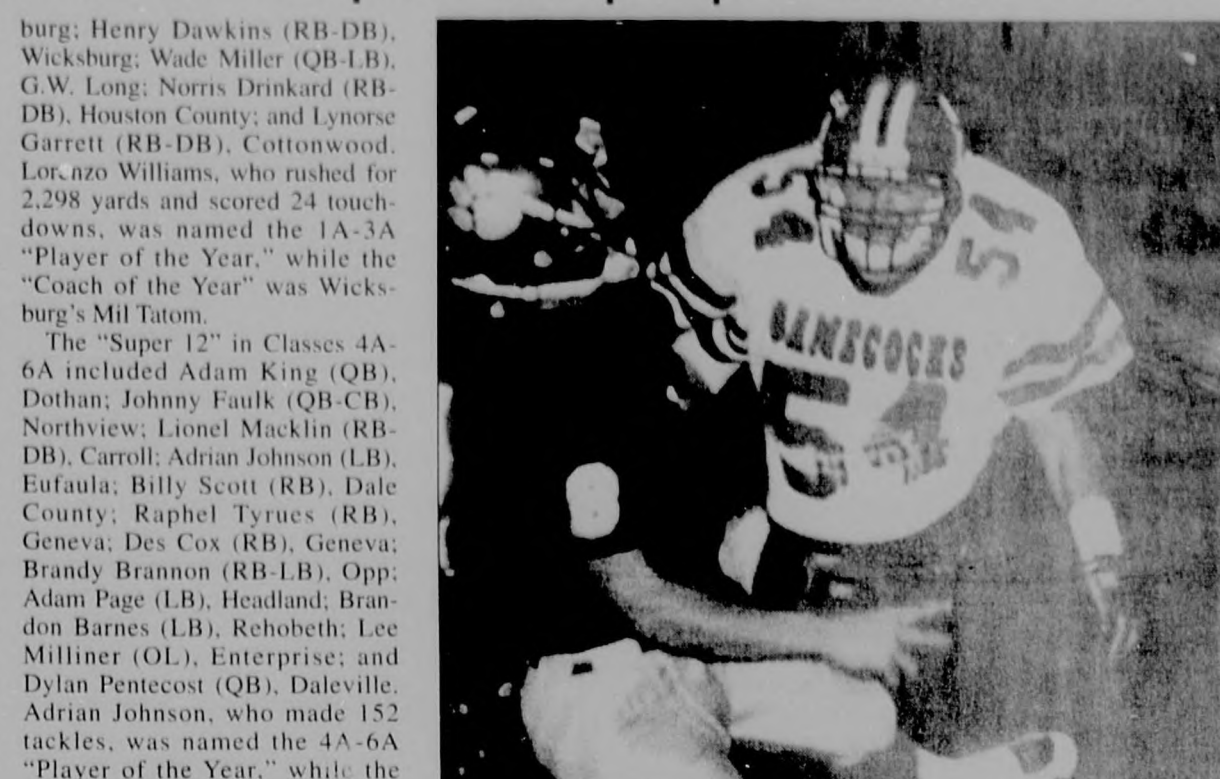
The Bulldogs opened the busy week of action against the Georgiana Panthers and rolled to an easy 92-47 win. Mario Wiley and Earl Tillis scored 21 points apiece to lead Brantley, while Javare Cooper added 12.

The Bulldogs had little trouble on the road as they posted a lopsided 79-49 win over the McKenzie

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs had a productive week on the basketball court last week as they posted three wins in three outings to improve their record for the season to 6-3.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the week with an easy 60-27 win over Georgiana. Precious Wiley scored 16 points and Tiffany McClain added 9 to lead Brantley.

The Lady Bulldogs had one of their most impressive outings of the



New Brockton's Pate Harrison (54) closes in to make a tackle during action from the 1999 season. Harrison, a senior, was named to the Super 12 high school football team last week by The Dothan Eagle.

Troy State Trojan cheerleaders to host two all-day Saturday camps

The award winning Troy State University cheerleaders have planned two Saturday clinics for high school and middle school students, with the clinics set for Jan. 29 and Feb. 26.

The day-long clinics will cover jumps, cheers, dances and stunting. Sessions will be held at the Wright Hall gymnasium, on the Troy State campus, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per student for early registration (by Jan. 26 for the Jan. 29 camp and by Feb. 23 for the Feb. 29 camp) and \$40 for late registration.

For more information contact Troy State University Band Office at 334-670-3284.



Matt Brunson bagged this 220 pound nine-point buck while hunting near Elba on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000. Pictured with Matt are his two children, Matthew, age 10, and Mary, age 2 1/2.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 14

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Kinston at Geneva County (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00
Georgiana at New Brockton (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30
Frisco City at Brantley (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

New Brockton at Elba (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30
Brantley at J.F. Shields (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

Goshen at Elba (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30
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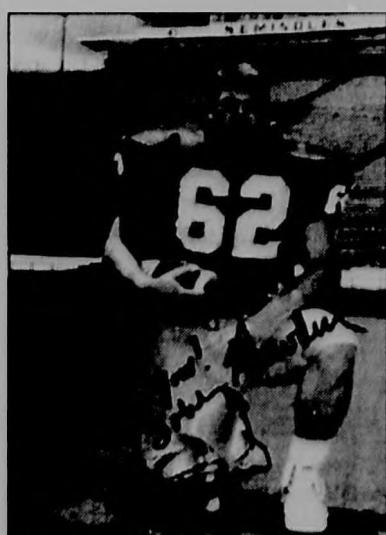
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Area News

Now in Alabama 100's of children need foster care and adoptive homes

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world of difference when you open your home to care for a child. Because you not only foster a child's growth and happiness, you foster a brighter future. Family Finders is a collaborative effort of social service agencies to find foster and adoptive homes for children in the custody of the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources. Training classes are

scheduled to begin in Enterprise starting Jan. 18. These classes are required by the Department of Human Resources as part of the application to become a foster or adoptive resource. For more information on becoming a foster or adoptive family or to enroll in the class starting in January, please call (334) 678-8492 or toll free 1-888-930-3463.

F.A.C.E.S. to hold workshops January 25 & 27 also February 1 & 3

Coffee County Family and Child Educational Services (F.A.C.E.S.), funded by The Children's Trust Fund of Alabama is dedicated to

child abuse prevention through education. Among other services, F.A.C.E.S. sponsors various parenting workshops throughout the year.

Professionals, including social workers, youth counselors and law enforcement officers will cover topics such as communication, substance abuse, effective discipline and conflict resolution. These sessions are specifically designed for parents and their teens. All parenting workshops are free and open to the public.

Session dates are Jan. 25 & 27, and Feb. 1 & 3. All workshops will be held at the Coffee County Health Department on Highway 167. To register for the workshops or for more information please contact the F.A.C.E.S. Office at 393-7460.



Troy School of Dance donates food and toys to Coffee County Family Services Center

The staff and students of Troy School of Dance wanted to do something special for families less fortunate during the Christmas holidays. In order to raise the needed items they decided to charge half the admission price plus non-perishable food items and/or a new children's toy to the Christmas

Show. According to Laura Brown and Leslie Crook, owners and instructors of TSD, the response from the students, parents and others that attended the show was overwhelming. "The students worked so hard gathering all the goods together and were so excited about the act of giving," Miss Brown said.

The Coffee County Family Services Center, which is a private agency funded by the Children's Trust Fund, was selected to be the recipient of the items collected. The CCFSC provides programs for pregnant teenagers, teenage mothers and welfare recipients. They also provide assessments and referral for any family needing assistance. They had a tremendous need for food and toys for their families but had no money to purchase them and were not receiving any assistance from any other agency for Christmas gifts.

"It was like an answer to prayers when Laura called and told me what they were planning to do for our program," said Christina Green of CCFSC. "We all shed tears that day."

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Britany Mobley is semifinalist in Scholars Program

Britany Mobley, a New Brockton High School senior, has been selected from over 117,000 applicants from throughout the United States as a semifinalist in the 1999-2000 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Her selection was based on outstanding leadership, personal achievements and overall potential. Britany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mobley and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Mobley, Mrs. Dock Bragg and the late Mr. Dock Bragg, all of Jack, AL.

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THE LOWDOWN ON GARDEN SITES

by Bernie Cobb
Gardening Columnist



WHEN EVA MOONEY put in a garden at her Elba home years ago, she decided to have an "all around" garden. And she did. Instead of planting all of her vegetables in one spot, Mrs. Mooney planted a few here and a few there. "All around" the yard. There were some Irish potatoes on a small slope near the back fence and some running okra on a side fence. A large pumpkin graced the front entrance. And, to prove that she can plant vegetables wherever they might grow best, she shows, above, how she planted onions in the cinder blocks forming a retaining wall behind her home. (Photo by Bernie Cobb.)

Eva Mooney has "all around" garden

So you've decided to have a spring garden, eh? Well, let's take a look and see where you're going to put that jewel.

There are a few things to consider before just walking out to an empty spot in the backyard and start digging half way to China. So take your time and do the job right. Then you won't be so unhappy with your site selection later on.

First, check out your site options at different times of the day as the sun moves across the sky. What you want is a spot which is in full sunlight most of the day. Vegetables like at least six to eight hours of full sunlight.

Next, to save some on hoofing it back to the fridge now and then for some iced tea, you'll want to put that garden as close to the house as practicable. Please don't get me in a squabble with the little lady (or husband). Just use some common sense on this.

And remember that your vegetables are going to get thirsty too. So, right at the beginning of this little project, determine where the closest outside water outlet is that you can use for watering. You don't want to stretch expensive garden hose halfway across the county and you certainly don't want to carry water to your garden in buckets.

Next, pick out a piece of fertile ground that has good drainage. You don't have to consult an engineer and figure runoff rates. Just eyeball it.

By all means have that garden, no matter what the conditions. And don't let anything take the fun out of it for you. Good luck!

TIP! Get out right now and finish taking up all those winter leaves. Put them in a compost pile for later use. Prune dormant tree limbs.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning.

Staple Cotton will be hosting a cotton meeting at J & T's Restaurant in New Brockton on Tuesday, Jan. 18, starting at 11:30 a.m.

This may be an opportunity for current members to sign up for 2000 and for growers interested in finding more information about this marketing association.

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FARM NEWS

Choose a diet low in low fat

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

Eating a diet low in fat and saturated fat is one of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Remember some foods and food groups in the Food Guide Pyramid are higher in fat than others. Fats and oils, and some types of desserts and snack foods that contain fat provide calories but few nutrients.

Many foods in the milk group and the meat and beans groups are also high in fat, as are some processed foods in the grain group. Choosing lower fat options among these foods allows you to eat the recommended servings from these groups and increase the amount and variety of grain products, fruits and vegetables in your diet without going over your calorie needs.

Fat, whether from plant or animal sources, contains more than twice the number of calories of an equal amount of carbohydrate or protein. Choose a diet that provides no more than 30 percent of total calories from fat. The upper limit on the grams of fat in your diet will depend on the calories you need.

Harvesting timber and Income Tax

Stan Windham
County Extension Agent

In Coffee County many landowners are becoming more and more interested in harvesting trees on their land. Some of this is due to increased timber prices, CRP trees that have matured, and just a new awareness as to the benefits of managing the timber on their land.

Many landowners with small woodland holdings are often unaware of certain provisions in federal tax laws that can affect their tax bill. This is because most small woodland owners make infrequent timber sales and don't keep up with changes in tax laws.

One thing that you can do once you decide to cut timber is to make a visit to your accountant who can help you to determine your possible tax responsibility. For example, if you harvest timber and you receive \$50,000.00 for it, it can take up to half of it to regenerate the forest, pay various debts, and pay your taxes.

You might ask how the accountant will know about your tax without the timber being sold. Before you cut, have the timber valued by a professional who can give you a good estimate as to what your timber is worth. You can then take this figure to your accountant who will help you to determine possible taxes on this money.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning.

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Conservation Workshops planned for January 25 and January 27

The USDA-Agricultural Research Service, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, ALFA Farmers Federation, and Alabama Cooperative Extension System are helping sponsor two conservation tillage workshops in late January. There is no charge for these workshops. Pre-registration is not required. Lunch will be provided.

Several outstanding speakers have agreed to be on the program. They include Franke Dykstra, a

Some enjoyable natural highs

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

So often we feel that to be happy certain things must be acquired. Material things can sometimes help obtain happiness, but not for long periods of time. Someone recently sent me a long list of "Natural Highs" and I wanted to share a few of these with you.

Falling in love.
Laughing so hard your face hurts.
No lines at the Super Walmart.
Taking a drive on a pretty road.
Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.
Hot towels out of the dryer.
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Area News

Elba School Board members recognized during January

Elba City Schools will join school systems throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Alabama's seventh annual School Board Member Recognition Month in January.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) signs a proclamation declaring the month of January as School Board Member Recognition Month in the City of Elba. Present for the proclamation signing was Charles Pearce (right), superintendent of the Elba School System.

The commemorative month is designed to recognize the contributions made by Alabama's more than 775 local school board members, including the five members of the Elba City Board of Education, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Alabama school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multimillion-dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 740,000 students in 1,400 schools. Their personnel decisions affect 43,000 teachers, 2,500 administrators and 30,000 support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school system policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Elba City Schools extends its deepest appreciation to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in the community. The public servants of the Elba City School System whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in the community possible are: Reverend Aubrey Williams, board chairperson; Mr. Daniel Stephens, board vice-chairperson; Mr. Bill Brunson, board member; Dr. Lance K. Dyess, board member; and Mrs. Valerie McGuire, board member.

Please join the Elba City Schools by saying "thanks" to our school board members during Alabama's seventh School Board Member Recognition Month.



Left to Right: Bill Ingram, Fred Moore, Martha Guerrero and Jim Gilmer (not pictured is Marjorie Morrow).

AARP officers installed in December

Elba AARP Chapter officers were installed for the year 2000 at the December meeting by Bill Ingram, District 8 Chapter Specialist from Midland City. Officers include: Fred Moore, president; Jim Gilmer, vice-president; Marjorie Morrow, Secretary; and Martha Guerrero, treasurer.

The next AARP meeting (covered dish) is Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Elba Sr. Center. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to join the Elba AARP Chapter. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, 6-7 p.m., at the Sr. Center in downtown Elba.

A program on AARP Tax-Aide will be presented by certified AARP Tax Counselors. The Elba Sr. Center has been accepted by the IRS as an E-File participant site. This Free Tax Help is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. It is available to those age 60 or older, with middle to low income. Taxes will be filed electronically to the IRS. E-file is the fastest, most accurate way to file taxes and it gets your refund in half the usual time.

Tag Renewals

Anyone with their last names beginning with A-D are to renew their automobile tags in January. Tags can be renewed in the Coffee County Probate Office at the Courthouse.

NAUS and SMU to hold organizational meeting on Jan. 19

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, the new local National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) and the Society of Military Widows (SMW) will have its organizational meeting at the Fort Rucker Officers Club at 1130 and 1800, to accommodate persons from all services interested in benefits expected from their military service.

Cape to speak at Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society meeting

Steve Cape, an avid Indian artifacts collector, will be the speaker for the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society's regular meeting Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Enterprise State Junior College. The meeting will be held in the Science Building at 2 p.m. Members and guests are invited.

For the past 14 years, Cape has been an avid collector of Indian artifacts. He enjoys traveling with his family to different areas learning the history of native Americans.

Cape is a native of Coffee County, reared in the Jack Community. He and his wife, Denise, have four children.

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McCall named interim Circuit Clerk

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

In the wake of Coffee County Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis' retirement, the three sitting Circuit Judges of the 12th Judicial Circuit officially announced Tuesday that longtime Circuit Clerk's office employee Janice McCall will step in and fill Ellis' position for the remainder of the term. One of the judges said after the decision was made that the three of them were unanimous in selecting McCall, with her vast experience and knowledge of the judicial system, to fill the interim term.

McCall has been named Acting Circuit Clerk until Ellis' term expires in January 2001 or until after the election and a new Circuit Clerk has been named. If the newly elected circuit clerk chooses to get a jump start on his or her term, he or



JANICE MCCALL

she will be able to immediately take office, according to an agreement worked out with the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts (AOC). Otherwise, McCall will

continue to fill the position until the end of the current term in Jan. 2001. "I feel like I will now take on some of the administrative things that are generally handled by the Circuit Clerk," said McCall. "Regardless of what my new tasks are though, I will continue to work hard at my job. I don't consider this appointment to be something that will allow me to sit around and put my feet up."

Although the new position will undoubtedly increase Mrs. McCall's job responsibilities, she is not walking into completely uncharted territory. She has been a valued employee of the Coffee County Courthouse since August of 1975 and has been with the Circuit Clerk's office since August of 1978. Before Tuesday's announcement,

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JOHNNY DUNN TO HANDLE BASKETBALL

Elba School System facing financial deficit

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board last Thursday evening (January 13) had board members hearing projections of dire needs for additional funding if the system is to complete the year without a financial deficit.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reminded the board that the system had borrowed \$50,000 at the beginning of the school year and was probably going to need more before the year is over. He pointed out state mandates for pay raises, without the funding to pay the bill and local sales tax revenues not coming up to projected amounts, even though they are above revenues for the past year.

Last year the school borrowed funds to begin the year, but repaid the bank as state education funds arrived during the school year.

While the most recent check

from county ad valorem taxes (\$154,000) was the largest ever one time payment, the annual total is not guaranteed to be over projections.

The Child Nutrition Program (lunchrooms) showed a steady financial balance, varying only a few dollars from the previous month.

The board formally accepted the resignation of Basketball Coach Marlon Johnston. They named Johnny Dunn to handle the basketball coaching duties for the remainder of the season and Principal Danny Weeks will teach the Driver Education classes for the second semester. The filling of the jobs internally was done after officially declaring an emergency to comply with a recent federal court consent order. Under the consent decree, it would be illegal to hire either of the two for the positions

after the end of this school year.

The board accepted a recommendation to grant a leave of absence, effective Jan. 31, to Mrs. Julie Norris under the Family/Medical Leave Act. She plans to return to the system in September.

The board also made an emergency hire declaration in this position.

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BOARD MEMBERS FEEL REQUEST JEOPARDIZES GROUP'S EFFECTIVENESS

County BOE takes no action on prayer group's request

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education in the new year looked like it might be "quick and easy," however that was not to be the case last Thursday evening.

Board members moved through the first 10 items of a fourteen-item agenda rather quickly - less than thirty minutes - but then they went into an executive session mode, and that is when things slowed down. They met behind closed doors for just over an hour and a half before reopening the meeting to members of the media and other attendees.

No official action was taken after the board came out of executive session, and no reason was given for the closed-door session. According to the state's open meeting law, executive sessions can only be held when the character or good name of a woman or man is involved or to allow discussions between a public body (board) and its attorney concerning pending litigation.

After reconvening the meeting, the board chairman, Charles Walker, immediately recognized Glen Reed-



HEAD-ON COLLISION KILLS ONE... Last Thursday, a late model Pontiac Sunbird driven by Joel Alan Swasey, 17, of Enterprise collided with a 1999 Mack tractor-trailer just four miles north of Enterprise on AL Hwy. 167 near the intersection of Co. Rd. 262. The tragic accident occurred shortly before noon (approximately 11:48 a.m.). That section of the road was closed for almost 8 hours while wreckage was cleared and investigators sorted out what happened. One reason the road was closed for so long was because a fuel line ruptured on another tractor-trailer, spilling diesel fuel onto a large portion of the roadway. The demolished Sunbird is pictured above. Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates (center) and Enterprise Police Officer Jerry Gilbert look on. The driver of the tractor-trailer, Danny Gene Wright, 33, of Enterprise was transported to Medical Center Enterprise where he was treated for leg and head injuries. Assisting the Alabama State Troopers at the scene of the accident were units from the Enterprise and New Brockton police departments, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Enterprise Fire Department, and Enterprise Rescue Squad. (Picture courtesy of Lydia Fleming Smith/Enterprise Ledger)

er to discuss the board's "limited open forum policy."

This was Mr. Reed's second appearance before the board to request that an organized prayer group at Zion Chapel High School known as Believers in Christ be allowed to meet during school hours. His first appearance before the board was about two months ago when he was told that the board would need to consult with its attorney and allow him time to research the limited open forum policy as it relates to the equal access.

Mr. Reed said it was his understanding that this had been done and he was now "renewing his request that the board allow the prayer club

to meet during school hours as other clubs are allowed to do."

During a discussion between board members and Mr. Reed concerning his request, it was determined that at the present time, members of the prayer group are meeting for about 20 minutes between the hours of 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. on the school's campus.

Reeder, who helped to organize the group but is not a member, told board members that members of the club had complained to him that this limited time was not sufficient to allow the club to organize, set its goals, and to mobilize its members.

He also pointed out to the board that students riding buses to school

were even more limited as to the time they could meet with the club should they desire to do so.

In his request, Reeder asked that the club be allowed to meet for one hour per month during a class period to carry out its activities. This is to be in addition to the time the club is already meeting.

Danny Jernigan, vice-chairman of the school board, commented to Reeder, "You do understand that if we do what you are asking, it could exclude some kids from your prayer club."

He was referring to the Academic

Hospital & Nursing Home not under quarantine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The flu bug has not yet gotten its grip on our immediate area; however, the few who have had their bout with this "bad boy" may not agree with that assessment.

In checking with the local hospital, Mrs. Ellen Briley, administrator of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, said although the hospital has been relatively full during the last few days it has not all been flu related.

"Most of the individuals who have been in the hospital were suffering from upper respiratory infection, flu-like symptoms, pneumonia, or sinusitis," Briley said. "We have had very few if any patients with the flu or influenza."

"We have had three weeks of high census in the hospital with these admissions but it seems there is, at least for the present time, a decrease in some admissions of upper respiratory illness."

Influenza (flu) is an airborne, respiratory virus spread through coughing or sneezing. It starts suddenly with an individual having chills, fever, malaise, joint and muscle aches, high fever of about 102 to 103 degrees for adults. There is usually chest pain or a burning sensation and a non-productive cough. There is not much vomiting associated with the flu.

The "bug" as it is called, usually appears each year during Christmas time and stays around until early March.

"A good indicator for when the flu has really hit is absenteeism in the local schools," said Mrs. Briley. "When you begin seeing high numbers on the absentee list, the flu has arrived."

In checking with the local schools, officials have indicated that so far the absenteeism has only been slightly higher than usual. Precautions are being taken at the Elba Nursing Home to protect the residents against this dreaded virus. Relatives and friends of residents are being asked to keep their visits to a minimum and to report to the nurse's stations for any special instructions before visiting that love one or friend. This is being done to protect the elderly since they seem to fare far worse than others from this dreaded virus. In some instances it can even cause death.

"Our nursing home has had no reports of influenza and we continue with the restrictive visitor policy

except for immediate family," said the administrator. "And, at NO TIME has the nursing home been under quarantine as has been reported by some area media."

The influenza viruses are usually spread by infected persons sneezing and coughing, spraying droplets into the air. Anyone who is sneezing or coughing should cover their nose and mouth with a handkerchief. Medical experts say that the frequent washing of one's hands will reduce the spread of the virus but it does not eliminate the risk.

Based on information from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, persons over the age of 55, residents of nursing homes, adults and children who have constant disorders including asthma, diabetes, or suffer from heart and lung disease are in the high risk category for contracting influenza.

The Coffee County Health Department has administered more than 1,700 flu vaccine shots and have almost depleted their supply. There was a \$5 fee for those persons not on Medicare. Persons who have not gotten a flu shot and have not gotten the flu can still take the shot if the vaccine is available to them. It takes approximately two weeks for the vaccine to be effective, and it will not give you the flu as some persons have been led to believe.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, January 24, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.